

GOLD HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL



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**EXCELLENCE IS OUR CORNERSTONE, OUR TRADITION,
THE BULLDOG WAY!**

Gold Hill Middle School, distinguished as a school of excellence, is centered on student learning that focuses on academic, social, and emotional growth that bridges the transition for students between elementary and high school.

The mission of Gold Hill Middle School is to continually provide learners with a rigorous education where all students are valued, and the faculty exhibits academic excellence by advancing knowledge through high expectations, collaboration, and engagement.

2024-2025 SIC GOALS

Increase family engagement through social activities hosted on campus.

GHMS hosts BFF Night (Bulldog Family Fun) on campus with outdoor games, and food for families to attend.

Recognize excellence in teaching through longevity awards for teachers.

We want to recognize teachers for their years of service and loyalty to the Bulldog family and community. Awards are being given to recognize specified years of service to education and especially GHMS.

SIC MEMBERS

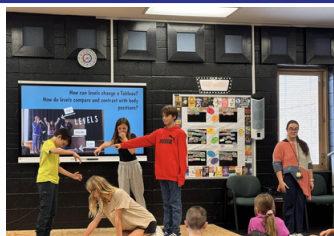
- Liz Haen (President—Parent)
- Bridget Norris (Vice President—Parent)
- Daney Hughes (Secretary—Parent)
- Richard Eppes (Principal)
- Caryn Scroggs (Assistant Principal)
- Angie Harms (Assistant Principal)
- David Cheske (Assistant Principal)
- Alicia Dasch (Community Member)
- Stacey Wagner (PTO Representative)
- Maggie Bowers (SRO)
- Aimee Kinney (Teacher of the Year)
- Kelly Reilly (Teacher)
- Rachael Shriver (Teacher)

WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL

- Gold Hill was the first school in the Fort Mill School District to receive the Cognia STEM Certification.
- Our Student Council continued to recognize our outstanding teachers with a special Teacher of the Month recognition selected by students.
- Our school community raised more than \$18,000 in the Polar Plunge fundraising for Special Olympics South Carolina. The most in the district! Part of the success was due to our hosting of the 3rd annual Polar Cup Dodgeball Tournament.
- We recognized over 75 students for our Student of the Quarter program.
- We had several former Bulldogs return to our school as Teacher Cadets from the local high school to learn what it's like to be a teacher.
- Each week, our 7th grade teachers recognize Students of the Week and award a prize (thanks to donations from our community).
- 7th Grade students learned about their carbon footprint from professionals of Schneider Electric.
- Our Special Setting students successfully ran Coffee Café which provides coffee and a treat once a week to our teachers.
- Our Chorus classes and Band classes put on multiple performances showcasing the talents of our students.
- Bulldogs were awarded for outstanding behavior with Paw Points and celebrations throughout the year.
- Teachers participated in multiple intentional professional developments led by GHMS Specialists, Lead Teacher, Technology Integration Specialist and STEAM Leaders.
- In our partnership with Winthrop University, GHMS welcomed 3 full time interns (Internship II), 2 part time interns (Internship I), and 6 junior interns.
- Students across grade levels participated in career events; Sixth graders: Career Day; Seventh Graders: Career Fair (hosted by GHMS for the district); Eighth Grade: Job Shadow.
- GHMS welcomed our largest class of students with over 340 6th graders!
- GHMS hosted our inaugural Parent Education Night on September 10.
- A team of GHMS leaders piloted Behavior Academies with some of our 6th grade students.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



| SC Ready Data | GT Participation | Honor Roll (A's/B's) |
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| 82.4 % Met or Exceed in ELA *76.9% FMSD Met or Exceed in ELA **54.1% SC Met or Exceed in ELA 67.1% Met or Exceed in Math *67.9% FMSD Met or Exceed in Math **42.8% SC Met or Exceed in Math | 58% of our students participate in GT level coursework | 61% of our students are on the A or A/B honor roll |

- Fifty-six GHMS students were inducted into the South Carolina Junior Scholars program.
- GHMS BETA Club inducted 58 new members. These students displayed academic excellence.
- ELA SC Ready: 2 students had a perfect score; 54 students had the highest possible Reading; 7 students had the highest possible TDA; 8 students scored the highest possible on both.
- 6th Grade Science hosted famous Scientist, Kate the Chemist, for a demo-filled assembly that aligned with Science standards.
- ELA department developed a new curriculum using a new textbook, novels, and standards this year! We have also embraced using a new testing platform, Pear Assessment, that allows us to better analyze data for further remediation to help our students achieve success.
- 8th grade Science students participated in a STEAM field trip to the Charlotte Motor Speedway.
- 8th grade Scientists had an in-house genetics day with Ed Currie, owner of Puckerbutt Pepper Company and Greenwood Travel Genetics Lab as special guests.
- GHMS hosted the Bebras Computational Challenge in October and the AMC 8 Math Competition in January for interested GHMS students.
- GHMS hosted the National Science, Geography, and History Bee.
- Computer, Theater, and Spanish classes added an honors course this year for our 8th grade students. The Honors Spanish class attending the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet. Some students even danced on stage!

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



- Two Special Olympics unified sports teams have been added this year; basketball and volleyball. Gold Hill's inaugural unified volleyball team and basketball team won their first game against Banks Trail Middle School!
- Dance Team competed in multiple competitions this year and was very successful! They placed 1st in pom and jazz and 2nd in hip hop at the Fort Mill Invitational!
- Our girls soccer team won the Conference Championship for the fourth year in a row!
- Boys Baseball team was runners-up in the Conference Championship.
- Our wrestlers represented GHMS well at State! Mason Fandel - 2nd place, Jett Heilman - 3rd place, Nick Norek and Jonathan Steiben were State Qualifiers.
- Julia Corbi represented as a swimmer on the FMHS Girls Swim Team State Champs.
- The inaugural Girls Flag Football team experienced a successful season.
- GHMS Special Olympic Athletes brought home a number of ribbons from the games.





EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS



- DawgTV Student News show finished their second season and implanted the role of Producer to encourage even more student ownership.
- Yearbook staff crafted the first ever edition of The Paw Print, the first student newsletter for students by students.
- Three Bulldog Robotics teams made it to the VEX IQ SC State Championship - They won the Teamwork Champion and Innovate Awards.
- Two Bulldog Robotics teams advanced to the VEX IQ World Championship in Dallas, Texas.
- GHMS hosted Battle of the Books competition for the county.
- Three teams participated in the "You be the Chemist" regional challenge and swept 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
- One of the "You be the Chemist" teams won First Place in the state of South Carolina with their video submission for this year's theme: Safe solution to a local natural hazard. This is a Back to Back State Championship for our team!
- GHMS has partnered with the Harvard School of Education to co-design a group called Inclusive Mindset, which focuses on character education encompassing the general education and special settings. The group meets monthly to participate in character building activities.

ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS



- 7th & 8th Grade Bands performed as the opening act at Catawba Fest.
- One (1) student selected to participate in South Carolina Choral Directors Association Honor Choirs.
- Eleven band students participated in the Catawba River Winds Honor Band.
- Combined Honors Choruses performed the National Anthem at a Charlotte Hornets game.
- Forty-two students earned placement in the SCBDA Region 3 Honor Band.
- Nine students earned placement in the SCBDA All-State Honor Band.
- Combined Honors Choruses received a 'Superior with Distinction' rating at the annual Choral Performance Assessment with the Choral Division of the South Carolina Music Education Association.
- 7th Grade Honors Chorus received a Superior rating at the Carowinds Festival of Music.
- 8th grade Symphonic Band got a Superior rating at Concert Performance Assessment.
- 7th Grade Band got a Superior rating at Limestone University Band Festival.
- 8th Grade Band performed at Disney's Imagination Studio Recording.
- 8th grade band participated in a joint band performance with the Fort Mill High School Marching Band.
- Mural artists continued designing and painting murals along the Related Arts Hallway.
- 7th grade artists competed in the yearly Lions International Peace Poster contest supported by the local Tega Cay Lions group.
- 8th grade Honors Art students competed in the Panther Spirit Rock competition held by the Charlotte Panthers.
- Students sung, danced, and acted during this year's production of Alice in Wonderland, Jr.
- Members of the cast of Alice in Wonderland, Jr performed for the Junior Theatre Celebration. Two of our own talented Bulldogs were named Star Performers!
- Some of our 6th grade students attended a viewing of an opera through The Metropolitan Opera's HD Live in Schools program.





COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- Beta Club students gave over 1,383 hours of community service.
- 32 students competed in the Bulldog Shake, a soft skills competition, judged by over 25 community members. They also participated in workshops led by community members leading up to the event.
- Many students participated in our mentoring program, Bulldogs on Track, where community leaders come in and meet with and work with students.
- Students raised over \$8,400 for our sister school in Uganda.
- Tega Cay Fire Department helped 8th grade science students during their egg drop assignment.
- Members of our Boys Basketball teams volunteered for Toys for Tots over winter break.
- Gold Hill Band students performed a holiday concert for the residents of Wellmore Assisted Living.
- Rollin' Hornets, wheelchair basketball program, showcasing two of our own students, held an exhibition game against GHMS staff and students.
- 7th grade social studies classes hosted Carl Clegg of the South Carolina Air National Guard as a speaker for Veterans Day.

PTO SUPPORT



Our Parent Teacher Organization works tirelessly to provide support for our academic programs as well as provide encouragement and recognition for our staff. They provided close to \$40,000 in enriching curriculum programs and resources. Our teachers enjoyed spontaneous lunches, gift cards, and snack carts throughout the year. PTO Volunteers run the Dawg Pound, our school store, providing students a chance to shop two times per week during lunches.



DEDICATED EDUCATORS

- 7th and 8th Grade Science embraced new remediation practices and have seen growth in students across the grade level.
- Six additional teachers got Mentor certified to support beginning teachers.
- Many GHMS teachers focused on higher education, completing ESOL coursework, adding additional masters degrees, and gifted and talented certifications.
- Mrs. Isenhour & Mr. Sims presented "Building Blocks: Preparing Beginning Band Students for Success" at SC Music Educators Association Conference.
- Four GHMS teachers presented at the Old English Consortium Conference.
- All 8th Grade Science teachers attended the South Carolina Science Teacher Conference in Columbia, SC.
- We recognized Rachael Shriver as our Teacher of the Year and Johnny Shaw as our Support Staff of the Year.

